

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2002

Present: Roy LaMotte (Traffic Engineer) Juris Alksnitis (Planning Dept.) Captain Sbordone (Newton Police)

Absent: Ald. Samuelson

#223-02 ALD. LENNON requesting the parking restriction on MARLBORO STREET be extended from 2 hours to 4 hours. (Ward 1)

ACTION: HELD 3-0

NOTE: Robert Leikind of 12 Marlboro Street first addressed the Committee and said he feels there is no problem with commuter parking on Marlboro Street. In his opinion, extending the parking restriction is beyond what is required.

Mr. LaMotte explained the existing ordinance is for a two-hour limit from 7 am to 6 pm including the entire length, both sides, from Tremont Street to Arlington Street. Mr. Leikind stated he had a single lane driveway and often a car has to be moved into the street. With young children in the house, it is not practical to move cars back and forth. A number of months ago, his cars began receiving tickets.

Mr. LaMotte pointed out that a letter had been received from a resident of 17 Marlboro Street stating they were strongly in opposition to this extension.

The Traffic Engineer further suggested that the item be held for one month so that perhaps there could be a reasonable consensus with all of the neighbors.

#251-02 WILLIAM LANCILOTI, 721 Washington Street, requesting change from one hour parking meter limit to two hour meters located in the vicinity of 721 Washington Street. (North side) (Ward 2)

ACTION: APPROVED 3-0

NOTE: Michael Briar was present representing the tenant at a business called Yoga Connection located 721 Washington Street. Most of the parking meters in the area are one hour, which causes parking problems as the Yoga classes meet for two hours.

Linda DeFruscio of 815 Washington Street also spoke in favor of this petition.

Roy LaMotte pointed out that parking on the north side of Washington Street has been under investigation before and he would not be opposed to increasing this particular area in time limit for the five meters in question.

The Committee voted to change meters from one hour to two hours on the north side of Washington Street from Beech Street to Harvard Street.

#159-02 ALD. BAKER & LIPSITT requesting school zone on Hammond Street at Essex Road at entrance to Chestnut Hill School. (Ward 7)

ACTION: APPROVED 3-0

NOTE: Ald. Lisle Baker, Bill Stevenson, John Grandin and Jim Taylor were present for this discussion. Ald. Baker appeared before the Council and reported that this petition has the support of President Lipsitt. The petition also has support from the Chestnut Hill School as well as the neighborhood at large.

Traffic Engineer LaMotte endorsed this request for a school zone and explained that by approving this petition, the area would have signage showing this was a school zone. Captain Sbordone was also in total support of this.

Ald. Baker asked that Mr. LaMotte check into a possible speed zone. The Traffic Engineer explained that speed zones are not controlled by cities and towns but by the Department of Transportation.

Captain Sbordone moved that a school zone be established on Hammond Street in front of and in the vicinity of the Chestnut Hill School. The Committee voted 3-0 in favor.

#121-02 ALD. BRYSON requesting no parking for 40' each side of driveway at entrance to Hamilton Grove Housing at 541 GROVE STREET, NEWTON LOWER FALLS (Ward 4).

ACTION: NAN 3-0

NOTE: This item was voted NAN as it had previously been approved by the full board on 5/8/02 under docket item #83-02.

#265-02 ALD. BRYSON transmitting on behalf of Auburn Street residents a request for NO PARKING ANYTIME on the north side of Auburn Street from Commonwealth Avenue easterly at distance to be determined.
(Ward 4)

ACTION: HELD 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Myers
Traffic Clerk